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AUTOMATIC PROTECTION )  
SWITCHING (APS) USING CELL )  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2003, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.